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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: TRAVEL OF ECUADOREAN NATIONAL

RAILWAYS DIRECTOR

REF: QUITO 3508 AND PREVIOUS

1. AMTRAK PROVIDED MEPD FOLLOWING INFO ON SCHEDULES AND RATES MOST SUITABLE FOR SAA'S TRIP. NATIONAL LIMITED (NO. 31) DEPARTS NYC DAILY 1345 ARRIVING PITTSBURGH 2229 SAME DAY. PITTSBURGH BEST STOP FOR BOTH ERIE (GE) AND BUTLER (PULLMAN - STANDARD). BROADWAY LIMITED (NO.41) DEPARTS PITTSBURGH DAILY 0121 AND ARRIVES CHICAGO 0900 SAME DAY. COACH FARE NYC TO PITTSBURGH AND BEDROOM PITTSBURGH TO CHICAGO TOTAL \$105.50 FOR SAA AND WIFE. SOUTHERN LIMITED DEPARTS CHICAGO 1830 DAILY AND ARRIVES LOS ANGELES 0905 OF THIRD DAY. FARE FOR SAA AND WIFE IN BEDROOM \$276.00 AND SON IN ROOMETTE \$144.50.

2. DUE TO SCARCITY OF RESERVATIONS, NEED CONSTRUCT ITINERARY SOONEST. FOR EXAMPLE, SAA COULD LEAVE NYC JUNE 17, SPEND JUNE 18 AND 19 AT BUTLER AND ERIE, LEAVE PITTSBURGH 0121 JUNE 20. SAA COULD LEAVE CHICAGO JUNE 24 ARRIVING LOS ANGELES

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MORNING JUNE 26.

3. ACCORDING PARSONS, BRINCKERHOFF, QUADE, AND DOUGLAS, LIST OF 10 GROUPS INVITED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS RR MODERNIZATION PUBLISHED QUITO PAPERS APRIL 28 UNDER SAA'S NAME. LIST INCLUDES PBQD, DMJM, INECO (PRESUMABLE INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING), ARTHUR YOUNG FROM U.S. AND COLQUINN (U.K.), HALCROW (U.K.), HIDROSERVICE (BRAZIL), TRANSCON (BRAZIL), INTEGRAL (COLOMBIA), SOFRERAIL (FRANCE). PBQD SAID TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE SUCH AS TO PRECLUDE THEIR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL. PLEASE VERIFY ABOVE LIST SOONEST.

4. FORESEE NO POSSIBILITY GRATIS RAIL FARE. KISSINGER

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